

Amendments to the Claims:

Please amend claims 1 and 7 and add the following new claims.

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A display device comprising:

a front substrate having an anode and phosphors formed on an inner surface thereof;

a back substrate having electron sources provided within a display region on an inner surface thereof, the back substrate being arranged to face the front substrate in an opposed manner with a given distance therebetween;

an outer frame which is interposed between the front substrate and the back substrate such that the outer frame surrounds the display region so as to maintain the given distance, and

distance holding members sandwiched between the front substrate and the back substrate in an erect manner within the display region so as to maintain the distance between the front substrate and the back substrate at the given distance;

wherein an inside space which is surrounded by the front substrate, the back substrate and the outer frame is sealed at a given degree of vacuum; and

wherein a buffering/fixing material is provided between the distance holding members within the display region and at least one of the front substrate and the back substrate, and the buffering/fixing material is formed by mixing an adhesive with a highly resilient material, which dissipates in a baking step, the buffering/fixing material including conductive particles and material having a light shielding property therein.

Claim 2 (canceled)

Claim 3 (canceled)

4. (previously presented) A display device according to claim 1, wherein the highly resilient material is a low-temperature decomposing foamed resin.

5. (original) A display device according to claim 4, wherein urethane is used as the low-temperature decomposing foamed resin.

6. (original) A display device according to claim 1, wherein a low melting-point glass is used as the adhesive.

7. (currently amended) A display device comprising:
a front substrate having an anode and phosphors formed on an inner surface thereof;

a back substrate having electron sources provided within a display region on an inner surface thereof, the back substrate being arranged to face the front substrate in an opposed manner with a given distance therebetween;

an outer frame which is interposed between the front substrate and the back substrate such that the outer frame surrounds the display region so as to maintain the given distance, and

distance holding members sandwiched between the front substrate and the back substrate in an erect manner within the display region so as to maintain the distance between the front substrate and the back substrate at the given distance;

wherein an inside space which is surrounded by the front substrate, the back substrate and the outer frame is sealed at a given degree of vacuum; and

wherein buffering/fixing material is provided between the distance holding members within the display region and at least one of the front substrate and the

back substrate, and the buffering/fixing material is formed by mixing an adhesive with a highly resilient material, which is present after a baking step, the buffering/fixing material including conductive particles and material having a light shielding property therein.

Claim 8 (canceled)

Claim 9 (canceled)

10. (original) A display device according to claim 7, wherein the highly resilient material is heat-resistant fibers.

11. (original) A display device according to claim 10, wherein the heat-resistant fibers are aramid-based fibers.

12. (original) A display device according to claim 7, wherein the adhesive is a low melting-point glass.

13. (previously presented) A display device according to claim 1, wherein the buffering/fixing material fixes the distance holding members to at least one of the front substrate and the back substrate and to at least one other of the front substrate and the back substrate.

14. (previously presented) A display device according to claim 7, wherein the buffering/fixing material fixes the distance holding members to at least one of the front substrate and the back substrate and to at least one other of the front substrate and the back substrate.

15. (new) A display device according to claim 1, wherein the distance holding members are non-conductive members.

16. (new) A display device according to claim 15, wherein the distance holding members are formed of glass.

17. (new) A display device according to claim 7, wherein the distance holding member are non-conductive members.

18. (new) A display device according to claim 17, wherein the distance holding members are formed of glass.